



April 27, 2012

The **National Weather Service** has confirmed an **F-0 tornado** hit **Jim Warren Park** last night. An F-0 wind speed can range from 65-85 miles per hour. I was in the park coaching my son's baseball game at the time. We are very fortunate that there was not more damage to life or property. This storm came up with very little warning and was very intense for a brief period of time. The damage appears to be limited to one scoreboard down and one set of lights slightly twisted. We did have a home condemned in a nearby trailer park on West Main. **I want to thank our City team who did a great job responding. I even had a reporter complain that we cleaned up things too quickly!**

Another **thank you to our City team** for a job well done on this week's **State of the City**. Here are some words from Mayor Ken Moore.

I wanted to extend my personal thanks to all of our City Family that helped make the "State of the City" address a success. All of the attention to detail was easily noticed and there were positive responses from all of the attendees about the good work that the City organization is doing daily to make Franklin a better place to live. Thank you for your dedication.
Ken

Franklin Police Play Local Role in National Initiative-Drug Take-Back Gets Unused Medications Out of Your Home and Into Safe Hands! Each day, approximately 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time according to the [Partnership for a Drug Free America](#). The majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from the home medicine cabinets of abusers' families and friends. **On Saturday, April 28th, from 10:00am to 2:00pm**, Franklin residents and members of surrounding communities can drop off potentially dangerous, expired, unused, and unwanted prescription and over the counter drugs for destruction – no questions asked.



The City of Franklin and local officials will **"Flip the Switch"** and officially turn on its first 850 panel solar array located at the **City's Wastewater Treatment Plant** on **Tuesday, May 1, 2012**. The solar array is complete and will be connected to the grid soon. The City is leasing one acre of land at the wastewater treatment facility to Nashville based **Energy Source Partners** who designed, permitted, funded, and installed the ground mounted 200 kW array.

The **City of Franklin** asked, and **Facebook fans answered!** Now, social media suggestions to improve **Franklin's Freedom Run Dog Park**, at **Liberty Park** in Franklin will be installed thanks to The **Nutro Company's Third Annual Room to Run Dog Park Appreciation Project**. In March the City asked Facebook fans to



weigh-in on what should be done at the dog park. Many fans requested benches, agility equipment, landscaping and more. On Thursday, April 26 at 2:00 p.m., associates from The Nutro Company will roll up their sleeves to install two new benches and the park's first piece of agility equipment, as well as clip shrubs and spread mulch in the walk area and water station. Previous projects have been held at K-9 Korral at The Park at Harlinsdale Farm.

Franklin Firefighter-Paramedic Seth Frost, who is presently serving in **Afghanistan** as a Sergeant in the **Army National Guard**, recently emailed us two newsletter articles about activities he's been involved in. Among other things, Sgt. Frost has been training Afghan National Army firefighters. Deployed from Greenville, Ky., Sgt. Frost is a member of the 176 Fire Fighting Team. His unit was sent to Camp Stone in western Afghanistan to provide air operations support. But when they arrived they found the volunteer fire brigade needed professional training. Their training exercises with the volunteers led them to their next opportunity - training the Afghan firefighters on neighboring Afghan National Army Camp Zafar. Sgt. Frost said, "We were excited about the opportunity to interact with the Afghans and give them the skills to ensure the safety of their fellow soldiers." See his newsletters attached.

The **"My Historic Franklin" photo contest has been highly successful, close to 200 photos submitted.** The deadline is today at noon. The top 25 photos will be displayed at **Starbucks in Historic Downtown Franklin** on their magnetic photo wall in May. The City will also post all entries on the City of Franklin **Facebook** page and the new City **Pinterest** page at www.pinterest.com/cityoffranklin. The photo with the most likes (viewer's choice) and the top two photos chosen by a panel of judges will win a Historic Franklin prize package. Prizes include tickets to the Carter House and Carnton Plantation, Franklin history books and goodies from Starbucks. **To enter, email your photo submittals along with your name, telephone number, and a brief caption to yourshot@franklintn.gov by April 27th.**

Administration's Linda Fulwider is this week's winner for the Mayor's parking space. Lanaii Benne nominated Linda, she said Skip Heibert of the Franklin Tree Commission wrote, "Linda, *Every month I receive the minutes that you faithfully send to the Tree Commission, and every month I mean to thank you for that task. Well this month, I am not only thinking about it but doing something about it. I want you to know how much I appreciate all that you do for the Tree Commission. You do such a wonderful job of recording the minutes, and distributing them to the members. And you do it with a smile and such a great attitude. It is a service that really makes our lives easier. Thanks for all you do.* **Linda can begin parking in the Mayor's spot Monday, April 30. Nominate anyone you see doing a good job at agoodjob@franklintn.gov.**

Have a great weekend. Thanks for all you do!

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